

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Benjamin Chain Art Unit : 1645
Serial No. : 09/731,899 Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz
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Title : **CHIMERIC PEPTIDES AS IMMUNOGENS, ANTIBODIES THERETO,
AND METHODS FOR IMMUNIZATION USING CHIMERIC PEPTIDES
OR ANTIBODIES**

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL ACTION OF NOVEMBER 25, 2009

This Amendment replies to the final Office Action for the above-identified application that was mailed November 25, 2009. A petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and the required fee are submitted herewith, to extend the reply period to May 25, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees determined to be due and requested to refund any overpayments to deposit account no. 06-1050.

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.